

**DIVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

(Case 15832D - US)

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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Request for Divisional Application for:

Title: REMOVABLE HITCH BALL

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Serial No.: Divisional Application for 10/162,854  
Filed: 05 June 2002  
Examiner: Tony H. Winner  
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Enclosed are:

- (X) Request for Divisional Application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b).  
(X) A copy of the Application.  
(X) 8 sheet(s) of formal drawings.  
(X) A Disclosure Statement.  
(X) Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor (copy from parent application).

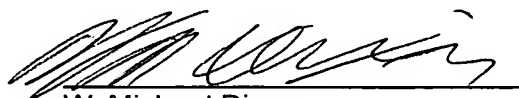
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Request for Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b)

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b), attorney for the applicant(s) hereby requests that a Divisional Application be initiated for the application serial number 10/162,854 (hereinafter the parent.) The parent will not be abandoned.

The specification and drawings of the present application are identical to the parent. The cross-referencing information on the first page has been added, the original claims 1-7 have been eliminated leaving claims 8-15 from the parent. Claims 8-15 were subject to a Restriction/Election Requirement and have been withdrawn from consideration in the parent. Copies of the signed parent declaration and assignment are also included in this application.

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Respectfully,

  
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